

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLMAR, MN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013**

MINUTES

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #2.

**** Members Present:** Mark Klema, Andrew Engan, Nick Davis, Randy Czarnetzki, Scott Thaden, and Margaret Fleck.

**** Members Absent:** Bob Poe, Charles Oakes, and Gary Geiger.

**** Others Present:** Bruce D. Peterson-Director of Planning and Development Services, and Megan DeSchepper- Planner.

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.
3. WELCOME: The Planning Commission welcomed new member Margaret Fleck and thanked her for her willingness to serve her community.
4. MICRO BREWERY-TAP ROOMS ZONING DISCUSSION: The City Council is considering an Ordinance to license brewer taprooms. Staff explained that the Zoning Ordinance should stipulate where taprooms would be permissible uses. The Commission reviewed and discussed the State Statute on brewer's licensing. All the beer has to be manufactured on site for consumption on the premises. Restaurant licenses could also be issued for the brew house but it wouldn't be required. The Commission discussed and reviewed the statute and views the prospect of a brewer taproom in Willmar an unmet niche. The Planning Commission talked about zoning districts that would be suitable for such a use and what the review process would entail.

Mr. Thaden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Czarnetzki, to direct staff to draft a zoning amendment and set up a public hearing for a future Commission meeting that would allow brewer tap rooms in the Central Business District (CBD) and the General Business District (GB) with a conditional use permit.

The motion carried

5. MISCELLANY: Staff presented an easement acquisition proposal for a lift station in Sperryville specifically on Lot 6, Block 7, Sperry's addition (204 High Ave. NE). The City wishes to purchase a 15' easement on the south end of the lot for a new lift station to replace the existing old lift station a few yards to the east. City Charter requires the Planning Commission to act on all land acquisitions.

Mr. Engan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleck, to recommend to the Council that the easement be acquired to keep the overall waste system operating properly.

The motion carried.

The Commission discussed the parking assessment that is being done and looks forward to the full report and recommendations in July.

Staff talked about a park plan that is being worked on by Mid-Minnesota Development that will help layout where parks should be in future developable areas. Once completed, this plan will tie in with the Comprehensive Plan and park dedications etc.

6. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Megan M. DeSchepper".

Megan M. DeSchepper, AICP
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